

1. A guard for a syringe comprising a needle, a needle protector cap, and a barrel for containing medicine, the guard comprising:

a body comprising a cavity for receiving the syringe therein, the body having an open proximal end communicating with the cavity, and a distal end having an opening through which the needle and needle protector cap on the syringe may extend when the syringe is received in the cavity;

A1 a shield slidably attached to the body, the shield having proximal and distal ends, the distal end having an opening through which the needle and needle protector cap may extend when the shield is in an unguarded position, the shield being slidable between the unguarded position and a guarded position wherein the needle is covered by the shield;

one or more tabs in a wall of at least one of the body and the shield, the one or more tabs being deflectable from a first position wherein the tab extends along the wall or radially outwardly from the wall, to a second position wherein the tab is directed inwardly into the cavity for contacting the barrel of a syringe received in the cavity; and

one or more detents on the shield for locking the shield in the guarded position.

10. An injection device comprising:

A2 a syringe comprising a barrel for containing medicine, a needle extending from a distal end of the barrel, and a needle protector cap detachably covering the needle;

a radial element extending from the barrel;

A2 a body comprising open proximal and distal ends, and a cavity extending between the proximal and distal ends for receiving the syringe therein, the cavity having a cross-section for receiving the needle protector cap therethrough as the syringe is inserted into the cavity, the radial element contacting an inside surface of the body for preventing substantial lateral movement of the syringe within the cavity, the needle and needle protector cap at least partially extending beyond the distal end of the body when the syringe is received in the cavity;

a shield slidably attached to the body, the shield having proximal and distal ends, the distal end of the shield having an opening through which the needle and the needle protector cap extend when the shield is in an unguarded position, the shield being slidable between the unguarded position and a guarded position wherein the needle is covered by the shield; and one or more detents on the shield for locking the shield in the guarded position.

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21. (Amended) A method for assembling an injection device, comprising:

providing a body comprising open proximal and distal ends and a cavity extending therebetween;

A3 inserting a syringe into the proximal end of the body until a needle and needle protector cap extending from a distal end of the syringe extends through the open proximal end of the body; and

deforming an integral portion of the body inwardly to contact an intermediate portion of barrel of the syringe to prevent substantial lateral movement thereof within the cavity.

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28. (Amended) A method for assembling an injection device, comprising:

providing a needle guard comprising open proximal and distal ends and a cavity extending

therebetween;

A4 inserting a syringe into the proximal end of the needle guard until a needle and needle protector cap extending from a distal end of the syringe extends through the open proximal end of the needle guard; and

deforming an internal portion of the needle guard inwardly to contact an intermediate portion of a barrel of the syringe to prevent substantial lateral movement thereof within the cavity.

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